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## CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

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**Title:** Section 13 Duty Casework

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**Purpose:** This paper provides an update on access casework for the current year.

### **Advice Sought**

Members to note that staff time available for casework is reduced during the current financial year and therefore the number of cases progressed to resolution may be reduced.

### **Summary of access casework in hand**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Live cases</b>	20
<b>Closed cases</b>	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>

### **New Cases**

New (live) cases recorded since the last meeting are summarised below:

**Case 20 Glenavon Estate, electrified fencing on grouse moor** – Recently installed high tensile electrified fence erected along estate boundary. In absence of crossing points the fence is impassable. Complainant reported issue as interfering with a specific existing path (the Eag) and also access rights as exercisable over the open hill. Complaints upheld and case under ongoing discussion with managing agent (Bidwells LLP).

**Case 21 Glen Einich, wild camper's tent reported as having been interfered with** – Complainant reported tent as having been moved and prohibition notice attached to it, allegedly by Rothiemurchus Estate. Issue investigated and determined as having not been carried out by Rothiemurchus Estate, hence actual perpetrator not known. Case not able to be resolved and therefore closed.

**Case 22 Newtonmore, locked gate on farm track** – locked gate reported as affecting access to historic ‘coffin route’. Complainant agreed, in the first instance, to approach the landowner who is known to them. CNPA to become involved as necessary and according to outcome of complainant’s dialogue with landowner. Update awaited.

**Case 23 Revack Estate, nr Grantown, Ballater** – Prohibition signs reported as having been placed at key access point into estate. Signage which included type targeting dog owners confirmed as breach and complaint upheld. Resolution under discussion.

**Case 24 River Spey, Dalraddy Estate** – Verbal confrontation involving landowner and commercial guided group of paddlers. Complainant reported distressing behaviour on behalf of landowner targeting group activities (camping) and questioned right to carry them out, felt overall approach to be gross interference with access rights. Complaint upheld. Discussion with Estate ongoing.

**Case 25 Braemar, Baddoch Burn** – New upland fence reported. Complainant noted potential requirement for crossing points. Holding response given. Case yet to be allocated.

**Case 26 Speyside Way, nr Nethy Bridge** – Locked gate reported as affecting Speyside Way. Holding response given. Case yet to be allocated.

### **Closed Cases**

**Case 11 – Glen Banchor:** Prohibitive Signage - resolved

**Case 12 – Newtonmore, Wildcat Trail:** Pigs on Path – complaint not upheld

**Case 19 – Dalraddy, Kinrara Estate:** Locked Gate – resolved

**Case 21 – Glen Einich:** Camping equipment interfered with – complaint not upheld due to circumstances.

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